

(sorry for the handwriting; my typewriter is
not handy. I'll try to write larger than
I usually do)

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Harold -

You told me to watch out for the number 11069, and
why that number is significant. I have thought about it, and
the material that follows indicates the first step in the
course of my thinking. I plan to pursue this further when
I can get in touch with someone who can help me, but
now I offer it merely as a suggestion for a line of
inquiry.

I caution you that I do not know about matters related
to codes, so bearing this tentatively in mind, I will try
to contact someone who knows about such matters, and he
may be able to determine the validity of this line of
inquiry.

I suggest that you compare 11069 with the number
19106 that appears in the metatexts of both Shaw and Oswald.
190 is the Russian letters for "D" preceding 19106, and Shaw
lists the following addressees:

Lee Odum
P.O. Box 19106
Dallas, Tex.

Not only do the metatext numbers correspond, but also the
name Lee Odum corresponds with Lee Oswald in the first name
and first initial of the last name; that is, Lee Odum corresponds
with Lee Oswald. That relationship adds considerably to the
probability that the correspondence between the two metatext
numbers is not accidental.

Considering the numbers themselves, one ought also to consider this feature: that both 110669 and 19166 contain only the digits 1, 6, 9, and 0. And these four digits appear in both numbers, and neither of the numbers contains other digits.

The conversion of one number to the other is easily accomplished. Because I do not know about cryptography, I cannot explain the nationality of the system, but I shall try to check and learn whether there is a ~~standard~~ standard or systematic method of conversion.

The 5-digit number can be converted to the 6-digit number by repeating the last digit, and shifting the second digit to the end of the series; e.g.:

1 9 1 0 6 →

1 9 1 0 6 6 9

Conversely, the 6-digit number can be converted to the 5 digit as follows:

1 9 1 0 6 6 9 ↓
1 9 1 0 6 6 9 ↓ ^{delete}

As I said, I do not know about codes, and cannot tell whether this represents a logical method of conversion. I suggest that you make inquiries about it; I'll do the same. I think it may be guessing in the right area, but the most reason of my reasons for so guessing are justified.

To carry speculation one step further (assuming that I am right about the observation relationship between the two numbers), this might be the motive for the inclusion of 19106 in the notebooks of the two men:

Iswald wanted to remember the number 110669, and entered it cryptically in his meteotablet in Russia as "BB" 19106. The letters "BB" may have no significance.

Shaw wanted to remember not only the number, but also the person with whom it was associated. The name Lee Odum stands for Lee Iswald, and 19106 was a coded version of 110669.

The "real" Lee Odum, who surfaced in Dallas after Garrison played with the number 19106, would of course negate all speculation regarding the association of the two numbers in question. If it appears that there is a standard or systematic method of converting 19106 to 110669, then I would be strongly inclined to reject Lee Odum of Dallas as a phony. I suspect that, in any case,

Does this make sense to you?

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